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In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/026,883) Group Art Unit: 2836
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For: SUBMARINE CABLE)
BRANCHING UNIT WITH)
CURRENT LIMITER)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

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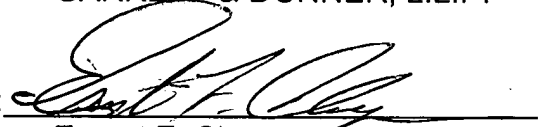
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Respectfully submitted,

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